

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-9, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing critical data in a hard drive, comprising:
 - a rotatable medium capable of storing information written to the rotatable medium;
 - a read element capable of reading information from the rotatable medium; and
 - a control mechanism adapted to receive data from and transmit data to a host device, control the rotatable medium, and position the read element over the rotatable medium, the control mechanism configured to:
 - receive a signal indicating ~~a-critical~~ an event has occurred;
 - associate the event with a portion of information written to the rotatable medium;
 - ~~receive-critical data read from the rotatable medium by the read element;~~
 - read the portion of the information from the rotatable medium with the read element;
 - store the portion of the information in one of volatile and non-volatile solid state memory;
 - receive ~~a-critical data~~ an information request signal from the host device;
 - determine whether the portion of the information matches the information request; and
 - provide the ~~critical-data~~ portion of information to the host device.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of 1 wherein the ~~critical~~ event is host boot-up.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of 2 wherein ~~receive-critical data~~ read the portion of the information includes:
 - ~~receive-critical data~~ read information associated with hard drive boot-up.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of 1 wherein ~~receive-critical data~~ read the portion of the information includes:
 - access ~~a-critical data~~ location information from a FLASH;
 - ~~receive-critical data~~ read the portion of the information, the location of the ~~critical data on portion~~ of the information written to the rotatable medium derived from the ~~critical data~~ location information.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of 1 further comprising:
 - a processor configured to ~~identify the critical data likely to be requested~~ associate the event with a

portion of information written to the rotatable medium.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of 5, wherein identify the critical data includes:

record ~~past data~~ information requests associated with past occurrences of the ~~critical~~ event; and
identify the ~~critical data from~~ portion of information written to the rotatable medium based on the
~~past data~~ recorded information requests.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of 6 wherein identify the ~~critical data from~~ portion of information
written to the rotatable medium based on the past data recorded information requests includes:

identify the ~~critical data from~~ portion of information written to the rotatable medium to be a ~~data~~
information requested in the most recent ~~past data~~ recorded information request.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of 6 wherein ~~identifying~~ identify the ~~critical data from~~ portion of
information written to the rotatable medium based on the past data recorded information requests includes:

~~identifying~~ identify the ~~critical data from~~ portion of information written to the rotatable medium to
be a ~~data~~ information most often requested in the ~~past data~~ recorded information requests.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of 5, wherein ~~identifying~~ identify the ~~critical data~~ portion of
information written to the rotatable medium further includes:

~~receiving~~ receive a vendor unique command from the host device; and
~~identifying~~ identify the ~~critical data~~ portion of information written to the rotatable medium to be
~~data~~ information specified in the vendor unique command.